



SILVER SPRING CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

February 10, 2011

Honorable Isiah Leggett
County Executive
Montgomery County Government
Executive Office Building
101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mr. Leggett:

The Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board is pleased to be able to share some of our work with the county executive and highlight the priorities that we feel are important for the thriving and diverse communities of Silver Spring.

- In the past year, the Board has shown its capacity and success working with and across all lines in our community. We have ensured that voices from all communities have a voice at our table, including neighborhood foci on Long Branch (October) and Lyttonsville (scheduled for March 2011)
- Additionally we are working with and supporting the efforts of our young people to make progress on their concerns with youth space.
- We have also worked successfully with private, corporate partners such as Discovery. We are focusing on outreach efforts for the businesses in Fenton Village, by sponsoring the Taste of Fenton Village, scheduled for May 15, 2011.
- Lastly, we are sharing information with and collaborating with the SS Urban District Advisory Board.

We appreciate the support that the county has shown to SS. We continue to work creatively and collaboratively with the community - recognizing that the landscape of the county is changing and that the budget challenges are felt by all of us.

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We would highlight the following areas as ones that we feel deserve priority attention so that we can continue to weather the budget tightening with a vibrant community.

- Please maintain focus and funding for the Red Shirts and our Silver Spring police force, in downtown Silver Spring, and in neighborhoods such as Long Branch. This includes both salary and programming opportunities.
- Continue focus and commitment to affordable housing, and attention to the Long Branch Sector Plan.
- Continued focus on completing and programming the new Silver Spring library.
- Maintain commitment to the Civic Building and Veterans Plaza which serve as a public facility and a rich asset for community building, particularly as a public square that can spark economic activity and community development.
- Maintain commitment to Progress Place and Community Vision to serve our most needy community members.

We particularly thank the county for working with us on allowing more community access to the Spring Room.

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Sincerely,

Vicki Lockerman for
Kathy Stevens
Chair

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